



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #98-0810-02

Approving Membership in the Little Manistee River Watershed Council  
And Support for the Little Manistee River Watershed Restoration Project

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe, as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is descended from, and is the political successor to, certain Grand River Ottawa Bands which were signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491), as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians reserved certain rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather natural resources from the lands and waters in those portions of Michigan which were ceded under the 1836 Treaty. These treaty based rights were confirmed by United States v. Michigan, 471 F.Supp 192 (W.D. Mich. 1979); affirmed, 653 F.2d 277 (6th Cir. 1981); certiorari denied, 454 U.S. 1124, 102 S.Ct. 971 (1981), and reaffirmed by P.L. 103-324 section 5, and are protected by the United States Constitution (Art. 1, §8, cl. 3 and Art. 6, cl. 2).

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has, pursuant to Little River Band Ordinance Number 96-500-01, adopted May 5, 1996, created a Natural Resource Commission and authorized such Commission to enter into cooperative efforts to protect and enhance the natural resources and the environment within the 1836 ceded territory; and

WHEREAS, the Little Manistee River is, and has been, a critical component of the environment in the areas of concern for Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission and Tribal Council support the protection and enhancement of the water quality, fisheries, wildlife, forestry and free flowing characteristics of the Little Manistee River; and



WHEREAS, the Little Manistee River Watershed Conservation Council and the Little Manistee River Watershed Restoration Project represent two partnerships between units of government and private organizations dedicated to the goals stated above.

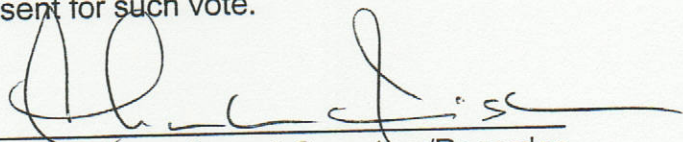
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby supports and approves the Natural Resource Commission's support for the Little Manistee River Watershed Conservation Council and the Little Manistee River Watershed Restoration Project by becoming a partner in those efforts. The Tribal Council Chairperson/Speaker is authorized to execute the partnership agreement for the Little Manistee River Watershed Restoration Project on behalf of the Tribe.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes the Natural Resource Commissioner, or his/her designee(s), to represent the Tribe on the Council and in connection with Watershed Restoration Project efforts; Provided That, such representatives may only take an official position on the activities and proposals under consideration by the Watershed Council and Restoration Project unless authorized by the Natural Resource Commission, following consultation with the Natural Resource Commission and Tribal Council.

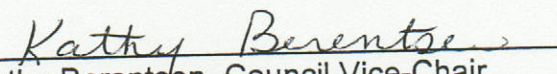
#### Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Session held at the Tribal Community Center on August 10, 1998 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 1 abstentions, a quorum being present for such vote.

Date: 8/10/98

  
Charles Fisher, Council Secretary/Recorder

Attest:

  
Kathy Berentsen, Council Vice-Chair